

## **Women in the armed forces**

### **PROGRAMME\***

- 9.00am – 9.30am**      **Registration for in-person delegates**
- 9.30am – 9.35am**      **Welcome to the conference**  
Morning chair: Simon Quinn, Joint Coordinator of APIL's Military Claims SIG,  
Hilary Meredith Solicitors, Wilmslow
- 9.35am – 10.20am**      **Women in the armed forces**  
- Challenges, benefits and opportunities for women in the Armed Forces from a personal perspective  
- A brief look at some of the changes that have occurred including post the Atherton Report  
- Considerations and factors influencing employment reports  
Speaker: Suzi Donoghue, DJ Fox & Associates, Wincanton
- 10.20am – 11.05am**      **Service complaints and civil claims**  
- A short guide to bringing a service complaint.  
- Appeals – why bother?  
- The interaction between service complaints and civil claims  
- Strategy and tactics  
Speaker: Ahmed Al-Nahhas, Head of Military Claims Team, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 11.05am – 11.25am**      **Mid-morning break**
- 11.25am – 12.10pm**      **Serious sexual assaults in the military**  
Speaker: Stuart McCracken, Exchange Chambers, Manchester
- 12.10pm – 12.45pm**      **Criminal injury claims and the CICO Scheme**  
- Civil claims  
- Pros and cons  
- Benefits of the Scheme  
Speaker: Chris Allen, Exchange Chambers, Liverpool
- 12.45pm – 1.45pm**      **Lunch break**
- 1.45pm – 1.50pm**      **Welcome back**  
Afternoon chair: Ahmed Al-Nahhas, Head of Military Claims Team,  
Bolt Burdon Kemp, London
- 1.50pm – 2.40pm**      **Discrimination**  
- Discrimination claims  
- Protected characteristics  
- Choice of venue – courts vs employment tribunals  
- Available remedies  
- Tips for claims involving service personnel  
Speakers: Ben Collins KC and Bruno Gil, Old Square Chambers, London

**2.40pm – 3.30pm**

**The Death of Olivia Perks**

- In-depth review of the case
- Disclosure from the MOD
- What this means for women at RMA Sandhurst and the protection of service women

Speakers: Michael Rawlinson KC, Kings Chambers, Manchester  
Charlotte Law, Barrister, Kings Chambers, Manchester

**3.30pm - 3.50pm**

**Mid-afternoon break**

**3.50pm – 5.00pm**

**Panel session: Hot tips to litigate against the MOD**

- Pre-action
- Disclosure
- Approaching the MOD
- Witness statements and evidence
- Experts
- Trial prep
- Fundamental dishonesty (post *Muyepa* and *Mantey*)

Chair: Ahmed Al-Nahhas, Head of Military Claims Team, Bolt Burdon Kemp, London

Panellists:

Aliyah Akram, Outer Temple Chambers, London

Chris Allen, Exchange Chambers, Liverpool

Simon Quinn, Joint Coordinator of APIL's Military Claims SIG, Hilary Meredith Solicitors, Wilmslow

**5.00pm**

**Close of conference**

**Accreditation**

APIL – all levels

5.75 hours CPD

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